[English]

Branch Post Offices in U.P.

4204. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to open branch post offices in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any target has been fixed in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Post Offices are opened progressively under Annual Plan Schemes subject to norm based justification and availability of resources.

(c) and (d). It was proposed to open 12 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh during the Annual Plan 1996-97. However 31 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices have been sanctioned for Uttar Pradesh till date.

Postal Division in Kerala

4205. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have considered the bifurcation of Pathamanthitta Senior Postal Division located at Punalur in Kerala;

(b) whether the Union Government have received any request in this regard;

(c) whether the Government of India is aware of the fact that Pathamanthitta SSP Office covered vast area and people of Punalur areas find it very difficult to reach at Pathamanthitta SSP office; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (d). The Department considered the bifurcation of Pathamanthitta Postal Division located at Punalur in Kerala on receipt of a representation from the Public Representative. The case was examined on the basis of report received from CPMG, Kerala Circle. Bifurcation is not justified as per departmental norms.

District Telecom Advisory Board

4206. SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS :
SHRI S. AJAY KUMAR :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have re-constituted the District Telecom Advisory Boards;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay, and

(d) the expected time by which these are likely to be reconstituted?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Telecom Advisory Committee (Not Telecom Advisory Boards) have been re-constituted in 100 units.

(b) Details of reconstituted Telecom Advisory Committees (State-wise) are given in the enclosed Statement.

(c) and (d) Formation/re-constitution of TACs for other field units will be made in near future after receiving recommendations of names from various sources.

STATEMENT

List of existing TACs as on 30.11.96

Name of SSA	Headed by	TAC Tenure up to
1	2	3
ANDHRA PRADESH		
1. Anant Pur (Guntakal)	TDM	31.01.1998
2. Chittoor (Tirupathi)	TDM	31.12.1997
3. E. Godavari (RMY)	GM	31.12.1997
4. Guntur	GM	31.01.1998
5. Krishna (VW)	GM	31.12.1997
6. Nellore	TDM	31.01.1998
7. Visakhapatnam	GM	31.12.1997